

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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Application No.: 10/086,553

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For: NETWORK NODE APPARATUS,
NETWORK SYSTEM USING THE SAME
AND FAULT LOCATION DETECTING
METHOD

Examiner: D. D. Tran

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 11, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-46, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper. No claims have been added hereby. The listing of the claims herein is solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

____ If checked, Small Entity status is claimed

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	40	MINUS	40**	=	0	X		\$0.00
Indep.	10	MINUS	10**	=	0	X		\$0.00
First presentation of multiple dependent claim(s)						X		\$
TOTAL								\$0.00

* not less than 20

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CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.